

Editor Note

Dear Readers

I am pleased to mention that during the year 2019, all issues of Journal of Child and Adolescent Behavior (JCALB), volume 7 were published online well within the time and the print issues were also brought out and dispatched within 30 days of publishing the issue online. The objective of JCALB is to publish up-to-date, high-quality, and original research papers alongside relevant and insightful reviews. Impact factor of JCALB for the year 2018-2019 was 0.69.

As such, the journal aspires to be vibrant, engaging, and accessible, and at the same time integrative and challenging. Each issue of the journal contains different types of papers, mostly the first, Regional Spotlights; provide a short contemporary and provocative “opinion piece” on an issue in the field of Child and Adolescent psychiatry. The second, Clinical Reviews, provide a critical and concise yet comprehensive and contemporary review of a theme specific to the Child and Adolescent behavior. The third type of paper, Research Papers, was more traditional in form and demonstrated a sound theoretical and/or methodological underpinning and a clear contribution to knowledge in the field.

During the calendar year 2019, JCALB received around 400 papers, out of which 300 articles (80%) were rejected in the preliminary screening due to plagiarism or being out of the format. During 2019 around 100 articles were subjected to the peer-review process and 40 of those were accepted in the 6 issues of Volume 7.

40 articles published during the year 2019, of which, 70% articles were by foreign authors. A total of 80 research scientists from India and abroad reviewed the 40 articles published in volume 7. Average publication lag time of an article was further reduced to 6-8 months.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Dr. Kunio Yui during the final editing of articles published and the support rendered by the editorial assistant, in bringing out issues of JCALB in time. I would also like to express my gratitude to all the authors, reviewers, the publisher, the advisory and the editorial board of JCALB, the office bearers and staff for their support in bringing out yet another volume of JCALB and look forward to their unrelenting support to bring out the Volume 8 of JCALB in scheduled time.

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